

SENATE BILL 1882

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54;
Title 55; Chapter 85 of the Public Acts of 2011 and
Chapter 641 of the Public Acts of 2012, relative to
the Veterans Memorial Mile in Knox County.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or affix suitable markers acknowledging each branch of the United States armed forces on the median islands of the segment of State Route 62 in Knox County from the Solway Bridge eastward to such route's intersection with State Route 162 (Pellissippi Parkway), which is currently designated pursuant to Chapter 641 of the Public Acts of 2012 as the "Veterans Memorial Mile". One (1) sign or marker shall include the language "In Honor of United States Army Veterans"; one (1) sign or marker shall include the language "In Honor of United States Marine Corps Veterans"; one (1) sign or marker shall include the language "In Honor of United States Navy Veterans"; one (1) sign or marker shall include the language "In Honor of United States Air Force Veterans"; and one (1) sign or marker shall include the language "In Honor of United States Coast Guard Veterans". Representatives from each branch of the United States military may plant trees, shrubs, flowers, or other installations in the median islands for beautification or decorative purposes. No such tree, shrub, flower, or other installation shall obstruct the vision of persons traveling upon or across the segment or median described in this section.

SECTION 2. The erection of such signs or markers shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices and within the state supplemental guidelines, as applicable.

SECTION 3. The department is directed to maintain or repair the signs or markers and the median of the segment described in Section 1. Representatives from each branch of the United States military may contribute to the maintenance and protection of any trees, shrubs, flowers, or other installations planted within the median islands that were made for beautification or decorative purposes pursuant to Section 1.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.